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Dr. Joshua Lederberg Department of Genetics College of Agriculture University of Wisconsin Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Before Dr. Weed left, he gave me instructions to send you the normal and "copper" organisms of the B and K₁₂ strains. You will receive four plates of E. coli under separate cover. Two of these, a "copper" and a normal, are agglutinated by our serum for the B strain and are lysed by the Tor bacteriophage. The other two plates are K₁₂ normal and "copper"; unfortunately we have no similar way to authenticate this strain.

These plates were inoculated yesterday and after 24 hours show the typical differences between the "copper" and normal colonies.

I regret the delay in forwarding these plates to you.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas A. Courtenay

Department of Bacteriology